

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An absorbent article, comprising:

a cuff formed on a surface of a sheet covering a
5 liquid-holding absorbent, wherein the cuff comprise a folding of
the sheet to form a two-folded shape, the cuff facing a surface
of a body of a wearer; and

10 an adhesion section for maintaining the two-folded shape
of the cuff, the adhesion section provided at least near a base
portion of the cuff.

2. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein:

the cuff includes a pair of portions facing each other
and a folded-back portion; and

15 the pair of portions and the folded-back portion are formed
from a part of the sheet.

20 3. The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein
the sheet is liquid-permeable and forms a member that covers a
part or whole of the absorbent.

4. A method for producing an absorbent article, comprising:

applying an adhesive on an elastic member;
placing the elastic member on a web along a flow direction
25 of the web;
folding the web in two so as to sandwich the elastic member

therein, thereby defining a bonded portion and an unbonded portion;
and

folding outwardly the unbonded portion of the web along
the elastic member, thereby defining a two-folded shape of the
5 web.

5. The method for producing an absorbent article according
to claim 4, wherein in the step of folding the web, at least two
cuffs extended in the flow direction are formed, and

10 an absorbent is covered with the web so that at least a
portion of the absorbent is placed between the two cuffs.

6. The method for producing an absorbent article according
to claim 4, wherein the two-folded shape is further defined by
15 sealing an opening of the two-folded shape of the web.

7. The method for producing an absorbent article according
to claim 4, wherein the two-folded shape is further defined by
bonding an opening of the two-folded shape of the web with an
20 adhesive.

8. The method for producing an absorbent article according
to claim 4, wherein the step of folding the web in two is performed
with a sailor.

a liquid permeable surface sheet;
a liquid impermeable anti-leak sheet; and
a liquid holding absorbent disposed between the liquid
permeable surface sheet and the liquid impermeable anti-leak sheet,

5 wherein portions of the liquid permeable surface sheet
are folded to form two standing portions on opposing sides thereof
and extending along a longitudinal direction of the article,
wherein the two standing portions operate to minimize waste leaking
from the article in a direction generally transverse to the
10 longitudinal direction corresponding to the sides of the article.

10. The article of claim 9, wherein the liquid holding
absorbent is disposed in and extending longitudinally within a
center portion of the article between the liquid permeable surface
15 sheet and the liquid impermeable anti-leak sheet, and wherein the
two standing portions reside outside the center portion.

11. The article of claim 9, further comprising a first
adhesive disposed within the two folded standing portions of the
20 liquid permeable surface sheet.

12. The article of claim 11, wherein the first adhesive
is generally hydrophobic.

25 13. The article of claim 9, further comprising an elastic
member extending longitudinally within each of the standing

portions.

14. The article of claim 13, wherein each elastic member resides near a tip portion of a respective standing portion.

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15. The article of claim 14, wherein the elastic members reside in the standing portions in a stretched state, respectively, when the absorbent article is unfolded longitudinally in a ready-to-use position, thereby biasing at least a portion of the 10 standing portions to extend from a surface of the liquid permeable surface sheet at a base portion in a generally perpendicular direction.

16. The article of claim 9, wherein each standing portion 15 extends from a surface of the liquid permeable surface sheet at a base portion in a generally perpendicular manner, and wherein each standing portion has a bent portion associated therewith that extends inwardly toward a center portion of the article or outwardly away from the center portion, the standing portions forming 20 anti-leak cuffs.

17. The article of claim 16, further comprising a first adhesive at the base portion of each standing portion.

25 18. The article of claim 16, further comprising an elastic member extending longitudinally within the bent portion of each

standing portion.

19. The article of claim 16, wherein the liquid holding absorbent is disposed in a center portion between the liquid permeable surface sheet and the liquid impermeable anti-leak sheet, and wherein the two standing portions reside outside the center portion.